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Dear Sir:

Your Petitioner, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, having a registered office at 4545 Creek Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, certifies that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject matter disclosed in the above-captioned patent application, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/412,257, filed on October 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,325,811 B1. Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. is the owner of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/826,070, as evidenced by the documents recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at reel number 010306/0483.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

Your Petitioner, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 35 USC 253, the terminal part of claims of any patent granted on application Serial No.

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09/826,070, which would extend beyond the expiration date of United States Patent Nos. 6,773,444 and 6,976,969 and hereby agrees that claims of any patent so granted on application Serial No. 09/826,070 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title of said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent Nos. 6,773,444 and 6,976,969, this agreement to run with any patent granted on application Serial No. 09/826,070 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

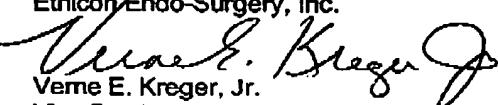
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Signed at Cincinnati, Ohio this 18th day of December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
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